

REMARKS

Claims 15-18, 20-26, and 28 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 19 and 27 are cancelled without prejudice to be pursued in a continuing application, and claims 17 and 24 are amended.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 15-16 and 22-23 have been allowed.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 17-21 and 24-28 have been rejected in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,188,715 to Partyka. In view of the amendments made to these claims, Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection is now moot. Amended independent claims 17 and 24 now include limitations directed to predicting whether the message from the end point module will be successfully communicated, and adjusting reception activity according to a result of the predicting. These limitations are not taught or suggested by the Partyka patent. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 15-18, 20-26, and 28 are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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